

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No. : 10/065,280  
Applicants : Leung et al.  
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Group Art Unit : 3734  
Examiner : Katherine Marie Dowe  
Docket No. : 013341.000019  
Confirmation No. : 5694  
Title : BARBED SUTURES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 2, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Payment of the petition fee is being authorized via electronic funds transfer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. 13-4365.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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